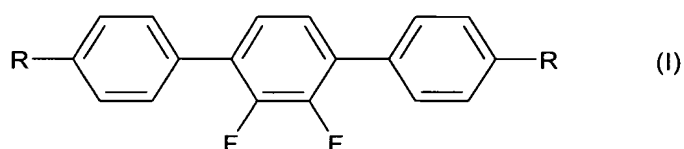


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A liquid-crystalline medium having a dielectric anisotropy $\Delta\epsilon$ of ≥ 3 , comprising:

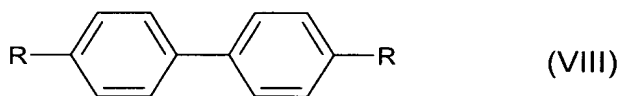
one or more compounds of formula (I)



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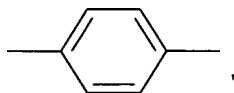
R[[,]] in each case, independently of one another, is ~~are each~~ an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl radical having 1-15 or 2-15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more CH_2 groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent, and

one or more compounds selected from formula (II) and formula (VIII)

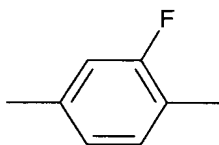


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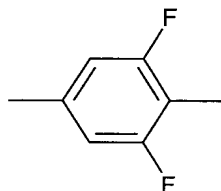
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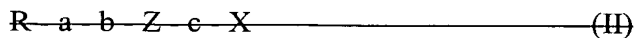
R is an alkyl having from 1 to 15 or 2 to 15 carbon atoms, alkoxy having from 1 to 15 or 2 to 15 carbon atoms or alkenyl having from 2 to 15 carbon atoms, in which in each case one or more CH₂ groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent,

X is -F, -OCF₃, -OCF₂H, -Cl or -CF₃,

Z is a single bond or -CH₂-CH₂.

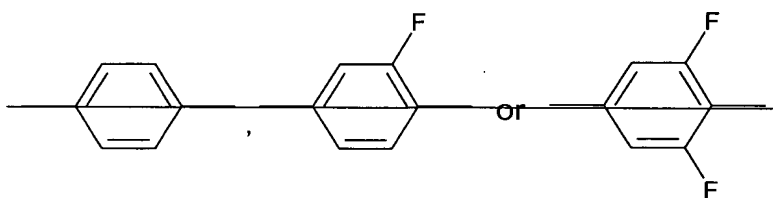
2. (Currently Amended): A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 1, wherein said medium contains comprising:

- a) 1 to 50% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (I);
- b) 5 to 90% by weight of one or more compounds of selected from formula formulae (II) to (V)



~~in which~~

a, b and c, independently of one another, can be



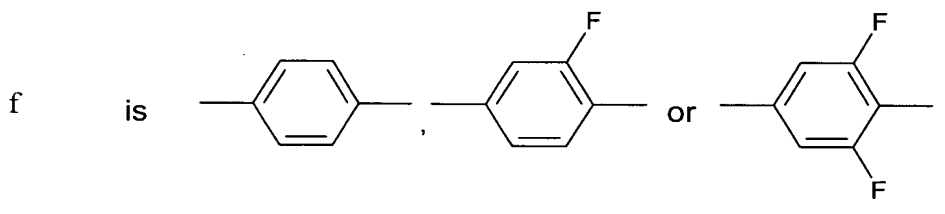
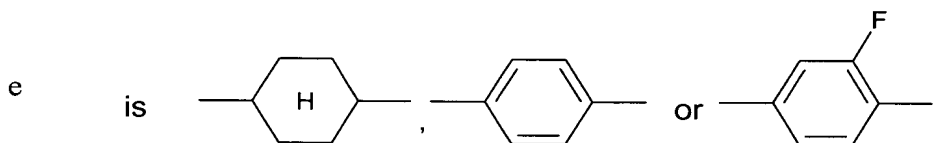
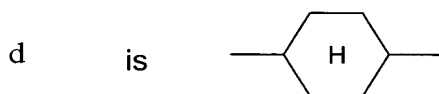
R— is an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl radical having from 1 to 15 or 2 to 15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more CH_2 groups may be replaced by O in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent,

X— is F , OCF_3 , OCF_2H , Cl or CF_3 , and

Z— is a single bond or CH_2CH_2 ;

R - d - e - f - X (III)

in which



and ~~X and R are as defined above;~~

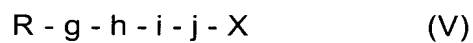
R is an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl radical having from 1 to 15 or 2 to 15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more CH₂ groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent,

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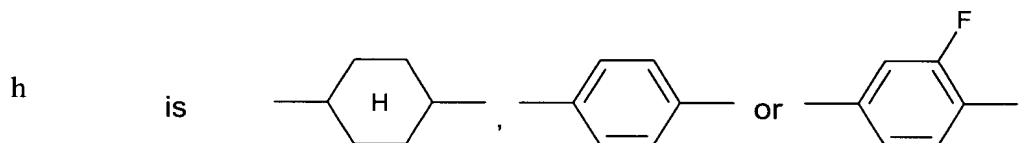
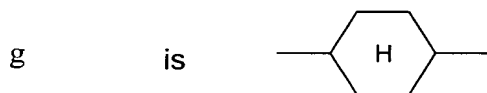


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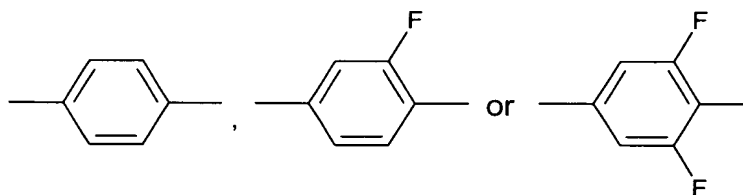
e, f, R and X are as defined above;



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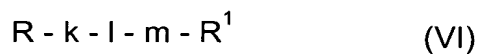


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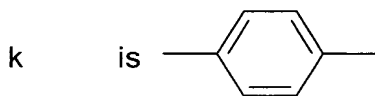


and R and X are as defined above;

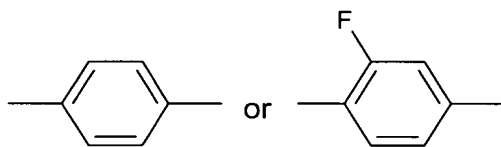
- c) 0 to 30% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (VI)



in which



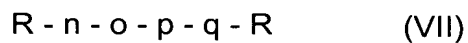
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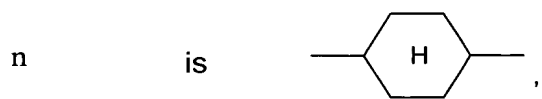
R is as defined above, and

R^1 , is -F, -Cl, or an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl radical having 1-15 or 2-15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more CH_2 groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent;

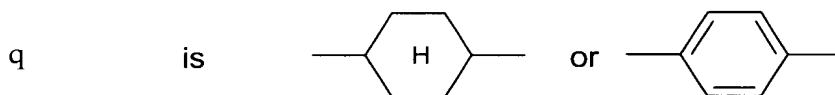
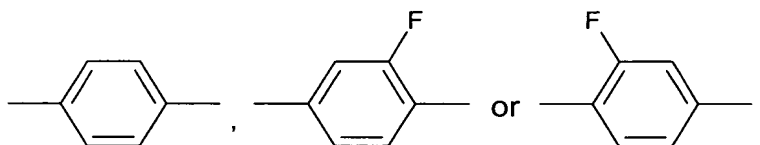
- d) 0 to 30% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (VII)



in which



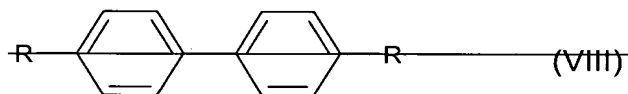
o and p are each independently



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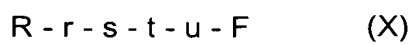
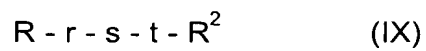
R are independent of one another and are as defined above; and

- e) up to 0 to 40% by weight of one or more compounds selected from of formula formulae (VIII), and formulae (IX) and/or (X)

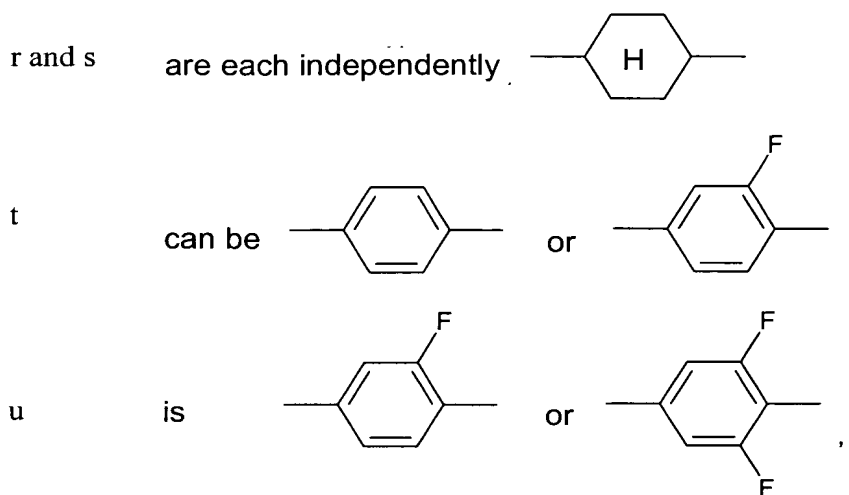


~~in which~~

~~R are independent of one another and are as defined above,~~



~~in which~~



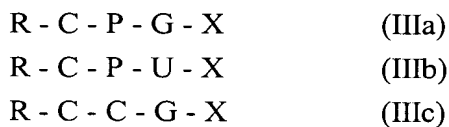
R is as defined above, and

R², is -F or an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl radical having 1-15 or 2-15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more CH₂ groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent;

where the sum of components a) to e) is 100% by weight.

3. (Cancelled):

4. (Currently Amended): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 2, wherein compounds of formulae (III) to (V) are selected from the following compounds of formulae (IIIa) to (IIIf), (IVa) to (IVf) and (Va) to (Vd), respectively,



R - C - C - U - X (III_d)

R - C - G - U - X (III_e)

R - C - G - G - X (III_f)

R - G - U - X (IV_a)

R - G - G - X (IV_b)

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R - C - P - X (IV_d)

R - C - G - X (IV_e)

R - C - U - X (IV_f)

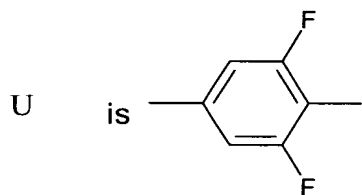
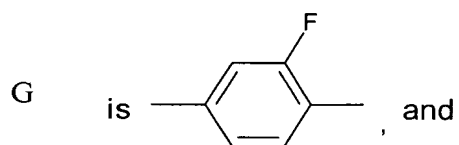
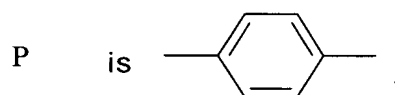
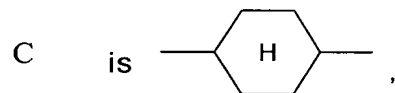
R - C - C - P - U - X (V_a)

R - C - P - G - U - X (V_b)

R - C - P - G - G - X (V_c)

R - C - C - G - U - X (V_d)

in which



5. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 2 ~~3~~, wherein, in the formulae (II) to (V),

R is an alkyl radical having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms, and

X is -F or -Cl.

6. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 19 ~~4~~, wherein the compounds of formulae (VI) and (VII) are selected from formulas ~~the following compounds of the~~ (VIa) to (VIc) and formulas (VIIa) to (VIIg), respectively,

R - P - GI - GI - F (VIa)

R - P - GI - GI - Cl (VIb)

R - P - G - P - R (VIc)

R - C - P - P - C - R (VIIa)

R - C - G - P - C - R (VIIb)

R - C - P - G - P - R (VIIc)

R - C - P - GI - P - R (VIId)

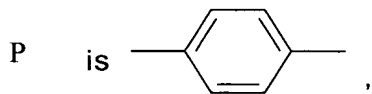
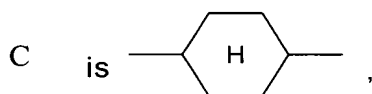
R - C - G - P - P - R (VIIe)

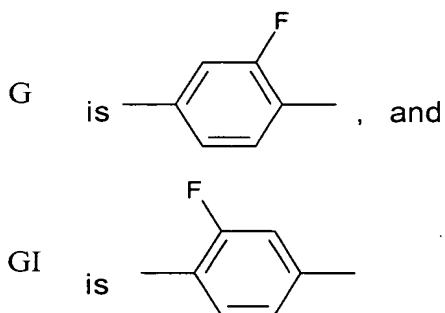
R - C - GI - P - P - R (VIIf)

R - C - GI - P - C - R (VIIg)

in which

R are each independent of one another,





7. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 6, wherein R in the formulae (VI) and (VII) is an alkyl radical having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms.

8. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 2, comprising

- a) 1 to 50% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (I),
- b) 5 to 90% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (II) to (V),
- c) 0 to 30% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (VI),
- d) 0 to 20% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (VII),
- e) 0 to 50% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (VIII), (IX) and/or (X),

where the sum of components a) to e) is 100% by weight.

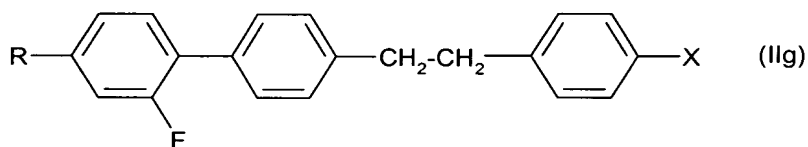
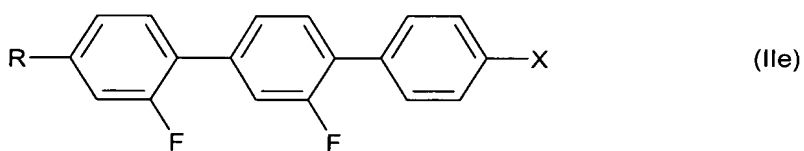
9. (Original) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 8, wherein component b) comprises,

- b1) 20 to 80% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (II), and
- b2) 80 to 20% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (III) to (V),

where the sum of components b1) and b2) is 100% by weight.

10. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, further comprising

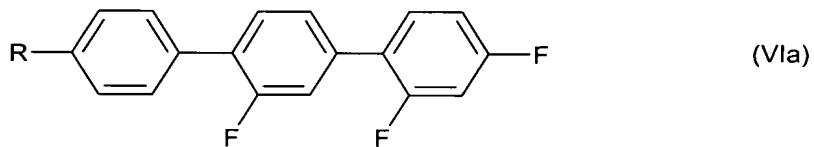
- i) one or more ~~as compounds of formula (II)~~, compounds of formulae (IIe) and/or (IIg)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms, and X is Cl;

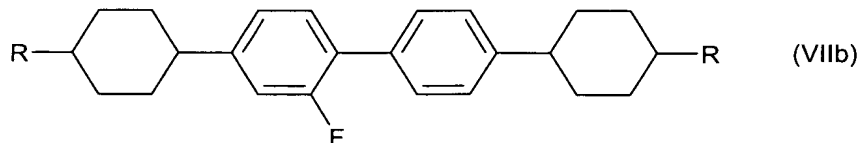
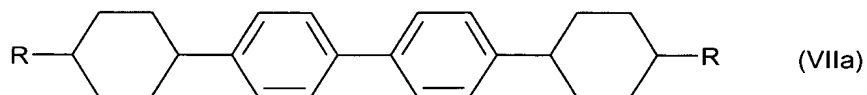
- ii) one or more ~~as compounds of formula (VI)~~, compounds of the formula (VIa)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms;

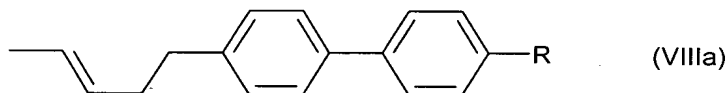
- d) ~~one or more as compounds of formula (VII)~~, compounds of formulae (VIIa) and/or (VIIb)



in which

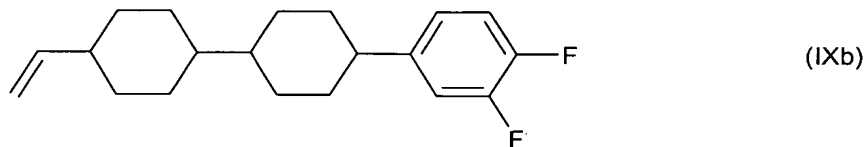
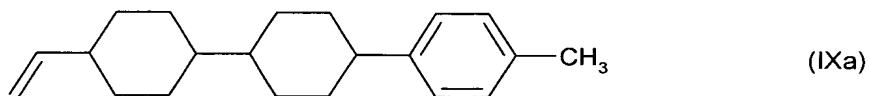
R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms; and

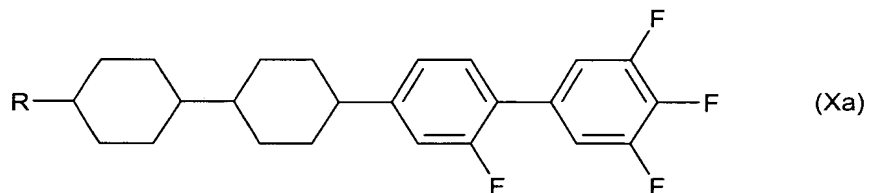
- e) ~~as compounds of formulae (VIII), (IX) and/or (X)~~, one or more of the compounds of formulae (VIIa), (IXa), (IXb) and (Xa)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms,





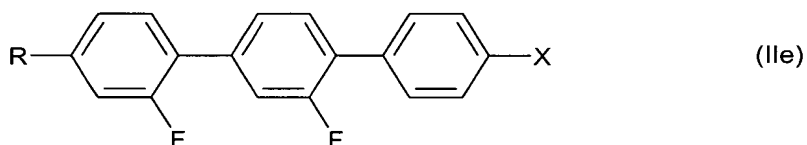
in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 14, wherein said medium contains consisting essentially of:

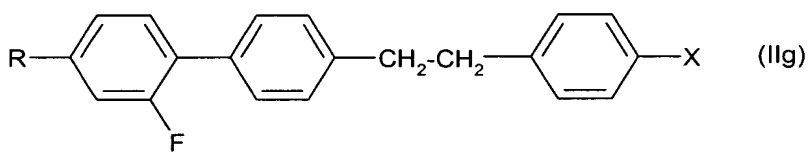
- a) 1 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (I),
- b1) 5 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (IIe)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms, and X is Cl,

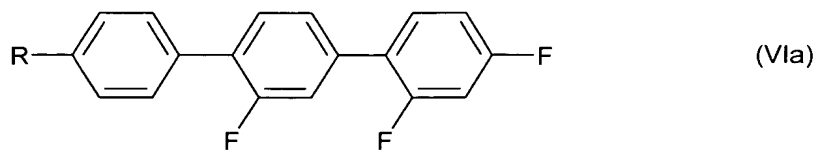
- b2) 5 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (IIg)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms, and X is Cl,

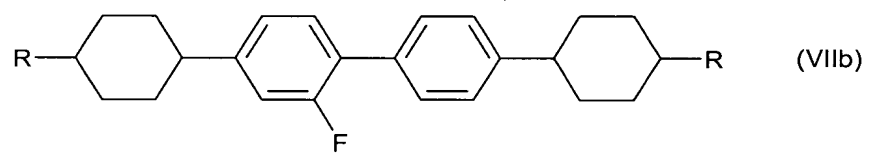
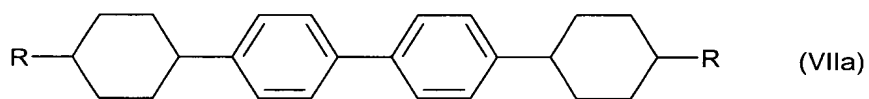
- c) 0 - 30% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIa)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms,

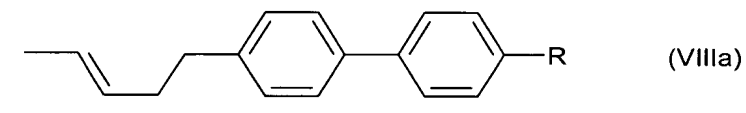
- d) 0 - 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (VIIa) and/or (VIIb)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms,

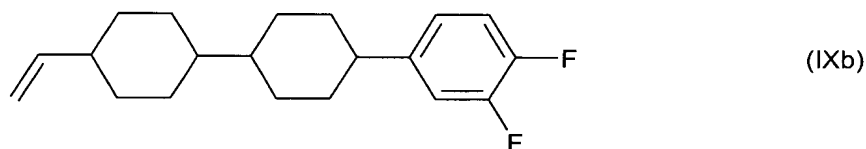
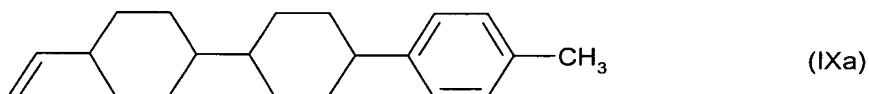
- e1) 0 - 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIIIa)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms,

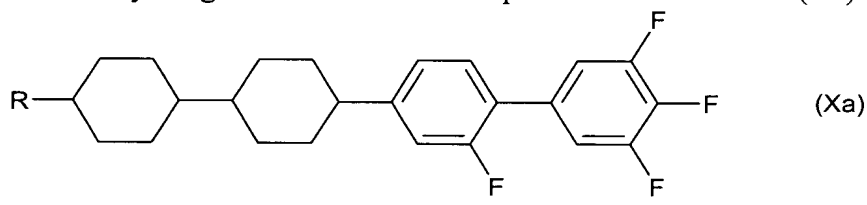
- e2) 0 - 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (IXa) and/or (IXb)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms, and

- e3) 0 - 25% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (Xa)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms.

13. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 12, wherein said medium contains consisting essentially of:

- a) 5 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (I),
- b1) 10 - 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (IIe),
- b2) 10 - 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (IIg),
- c) 2 - 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIa),

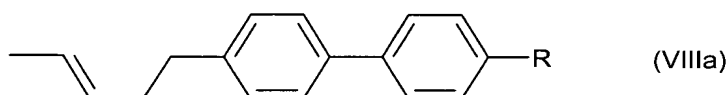
- d) 2 - 15% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (VIIa) and/or (VIIb),
- e1) 5 - 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIIIa),
- e2) 5 - 30% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (IXa) and/or (IXb), and
- e3) 2 - 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (Xa).

14. (Previously Presented): In electro-optical display element containing a liquid-crystalline medium, the improvement wherein said medium is according to claim 1.

15. (New): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said medium contains one or more compounds of formula II.

16. (New): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said medium contains one or more compounds of formula VIII in which one R group is alkyl and the other R group is alkenyl

17. (New): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said medium contains one or more compounds of formula VIII(a)

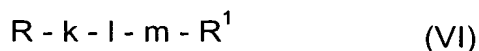


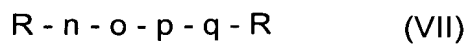
wherein

R is an alkyl radical having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms.

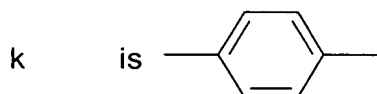
18. (New): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 17, wherein R in formula VIIIa is methyl.

19. (New): A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein said medium contains one or more compounds of formula VI and/or formula VII

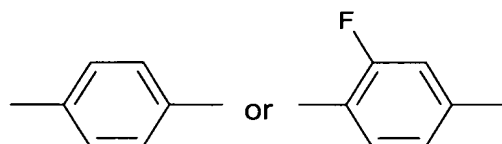




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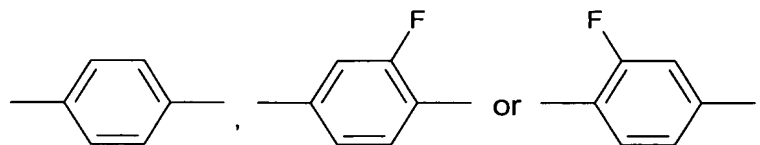


R is an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl radical having from 1 to 15 or 2 to 15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more CH₂ groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent,

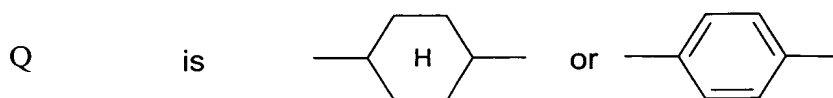
R¹ is -F, -Cl, or an alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl radical having 1-15 or 2-15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more CH₂ groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent,



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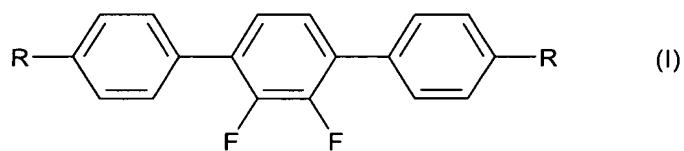


and



20. (New): A liquid-crystalline medium having a dielectric anisotropy $\Delta\epsilon$ of ≥ 3 , comprising:

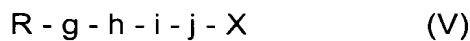
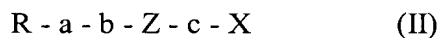
- a) 1 to 50% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (I)



wherein

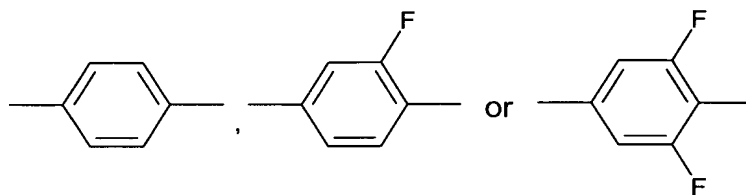
R, independently of one another, are each an alkyl having 1-15, alkoxy having 1-15 or alkenyl radical having 2-15 carbon atoms, wherein in each case one or more CH_2 groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent;

- b) 5 to 90% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (II) to (V)



wherein

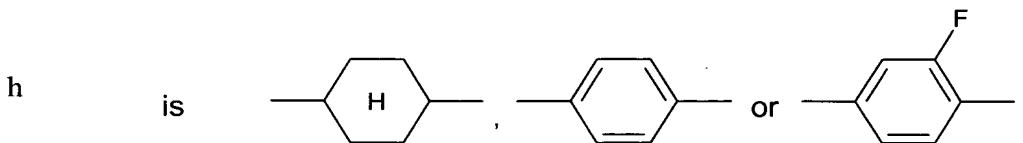
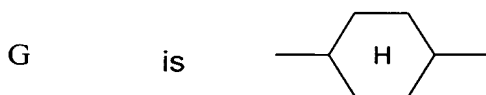
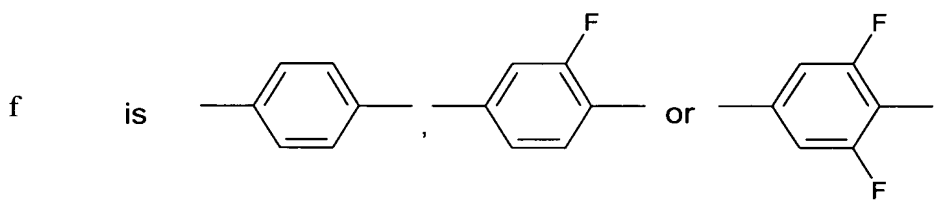
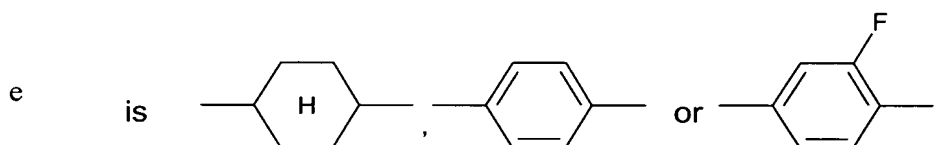
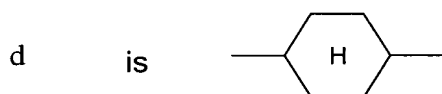
a, b and c, independently of one another, can be



R is an alkyl having from 1 to 15, alkoxy having from 1 to 15 or alkenyl radical having from 2 to 15 carbon atoms, in which in each case one or more CH_2 groups may be replaced by $-\text{O}-$ in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent,

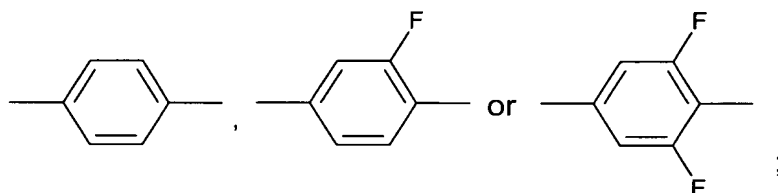
X is $-\text{F}$, $-\text{OCF}_3$, $-\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$, $-\text{Cl}$ or $-\text{CF}_3$,

Z is a single bond or $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$,

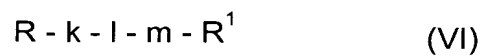


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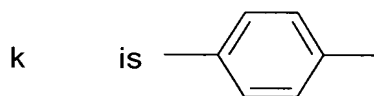
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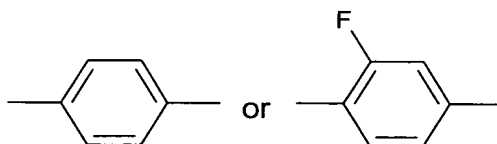
c) 0 to 30% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (VI)



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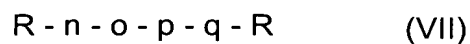
l and m, independently of one another, can be



R is as defined above, and

R^1 is -F, -Cl, or an alkyl having 1-15, alkoxy having 1-15 or alkenyl having 2-15 carbon atoms, in which in each case one or more CH_2 groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent;

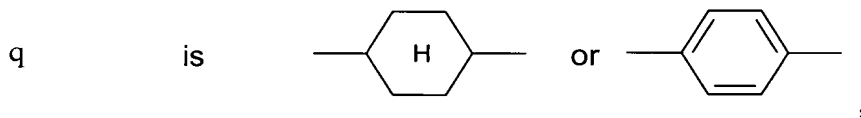
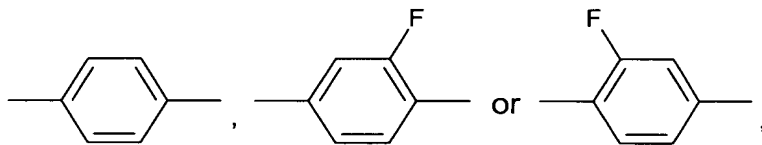
- d) 0 to 20% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (VII)



wherein



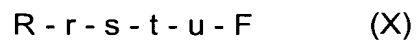
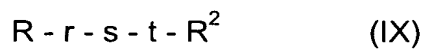
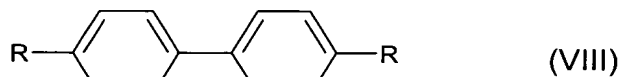
o and p are each independently



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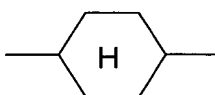
R are independent of one another and are as defined above; and

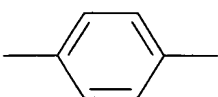
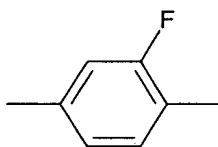
- e) 0 to 50% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (VIII), (IX) and/or (X)

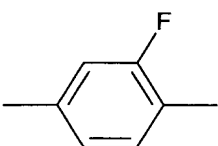
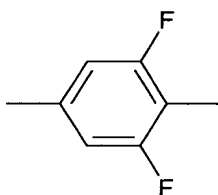


wherein

R are independent of one another and are as defined above,

r and s are each independently 

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R^2 , is -F or an alkyl having 1-15, alkoxy having 1-15 or alkenyl having 2-15 carbon atoms, in which in each case one or more CH_2 groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent;

wherein the sum of components a) to e) is 100% by weight; and

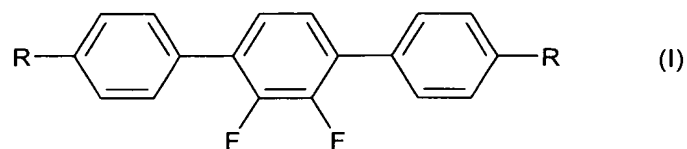
wherein component b) comprises

b1) 20 to 80% by weight of one or more compounds of formula (II), and

b2) 80 to 20% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae (III) to (V),

wherein the sum of components b1) and b2) is 100% by weight.

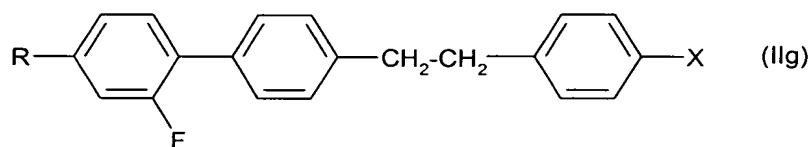
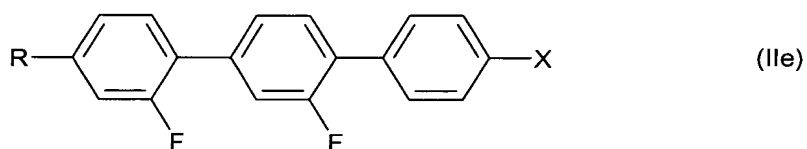
21. (New): A liquid-crystalline medium having a dielectric anisotropy $\Delta\epsilon$ of ≥ 3 , comprising:
one or more compounds of formula (I)



in which

R, independently of one another, are each alkyl having 1-15, alkoxy having 1-15 or alkenyl having 2-15 carbon atoms respectively, in which one or more CH₂ groups may be replaced by -O- in such a way that oxygen atoms are not adjacent;

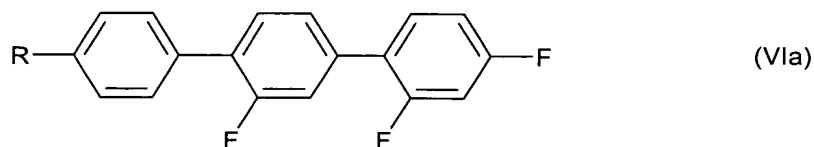
one or more compounds of formulae (IIe) and/or (IIg)



wherein

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms, and X is Cl;

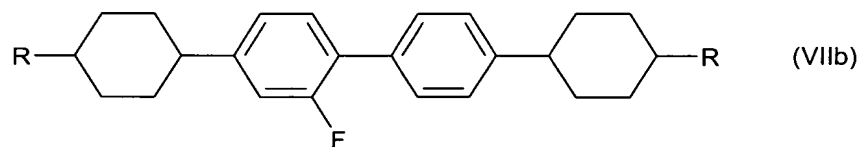
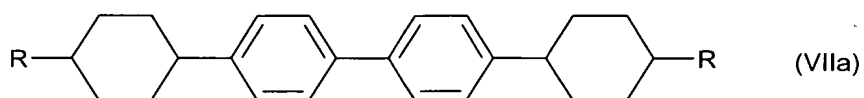
one or more compounds of the formula (VIa)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms;

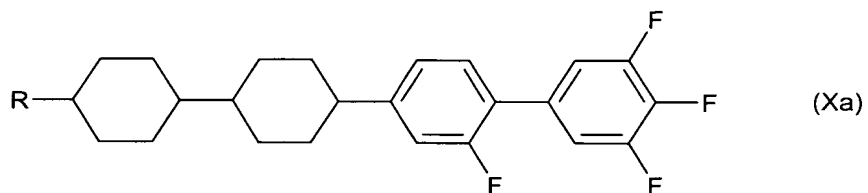
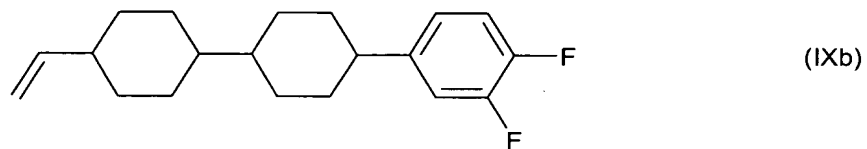
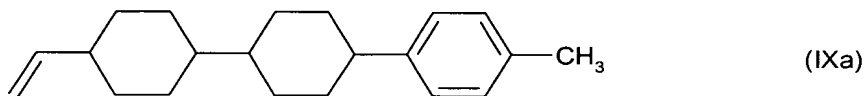
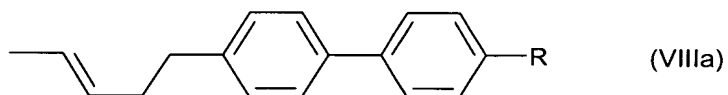
one or more compounds of formulae (VIIa) and/or (VIIb)



in which

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms; and

one or more compounds of formulae (VIIa), (IXa), (IXb) and (Xa)



wherein

R is an alkyl radical having 1-7 carbon atoms.

22. (New): A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 21, wherein said medium consists essentially of compounds of the formulae

- a) (I)
- b) (IIe) and/or (IIg)
- c) (VIa)
- d) (VIIa) and/or (VIIb)
- e) (VIIIa), (IXa), (IXb) and/or (Xa).

23. (New): A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 22, wherein said medium consists essentially of:

- a) 1 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (I),
- b1) 5 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (IIe),
- b2) 5 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (IIg),
- c) up to 30% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIa),
- d) up to 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (VIIa) and/or (VIIb),
- e1) up to 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIIIa),
- e2) up to 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (IXa) and/or (IXb), and
- e3) up to 25% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (Xa).

24. (New): A liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 23, wherein said medium consists essentially of:

- a) 5 - 50% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (I),
- b1) 10 - 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (IIe),
- b2) 10 - 40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (IIg),

- c) 2 - 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIa),
- d) 2 - 15% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (VIIa) and/or (VIIb),
- e1) 5 - 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (VIIIa),
- e2) 5 - 30% by weight of one or more compounds of the formulae (IXa) and/or (IXb), and
- e3) 2 - 20% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula (Xa).

25. (New): In electro-optical display element containing a liquid-crystalline medium, the improvement wherein said medium is according to claim 15.

26. (New): In electro-optical display element containing a liquid-crystalline medium, the improvement wherein said medium is according to claim 16.

27. (New): In electro-optical display element containing a liquid-crystalline medium, the improvement wherein said medium is according to claim 17.

28. (New): In electro-optical display element containing a liquid-crystalline medium, the improvement wherein said medium is according to claim 18.

29. (New): In electro-optical display element containing a liquid-crystalline medium, the improvement wherein said medium is according to claim 20.

30. (New): In electro-optical display element containing a liquid-crystalline medium, the improvement wherein said medium is according to claim 21.